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The 1930s
1892 to 1931

St. Margaret's Hall as a Day School for Girls
The location of St. Margaret’s Hall today
Bishop Barnwell promotes the idea of a junior college.
Opening day of Boise Junior College

1932
Opening day facts and figures

- Entry Faculty Salary: $1000 plus room and board
- President: Bishop Middleton Barnwell
- 8 full time faculty, 6 part time faculty
- Tuition: $60 per semester
- 15 classes offered
- Class size: 70
Men's basketball team 1933
Big Sisters - Little Sisters Dance 1936
Dr. Eugene B. Chaffee named college president
1939

Plans are made to move BJC to Boise Municipal Airport
U.S. Air Mail in Boise
1940s

Service and Education

JIM GRAY
A Knight... and
HELEN CAINE
A Lovely Lady
Eugene B. Chaffee and O.O. Haga lay the cornerstone of the Administration building April 9, 1940
Newly constructed Administration Building
1940s

Administration Building
Assembly Hall
now the Hemingway Western Studies Center
1941

The laying of the Student Union cornerstone

(now the Communication Building)
1940s

Student Union Building
1940s

From airport to Boise Junior College campus
Inside the Student Union Building
1940s

The Library
(East wing of the Administration Building)
1940s

The Library
Many faculty and students put their education on hold for military or civil service.
circa 1944

Women making radios
1948-49 school year figures

- Over 60 full-time and part-time faculty & staff
- President: Dr. Eugene B. Chaffee
- $25 tuition/semester
  - (full time, resident of BJC school district)
- $75 tuition/semester
  - (full time, non-resident of Ada County)
- Over 200 classes offered
- 1330 students, part and full time

Source: Boise Junior College Catalog 1948-49
The 1950s
Trumpet players in the marching band
1950

The King of Hearts at the Sweethearts Ball
Boise Junior College plays in the Rose Bowl stadium in Southern California. The “Junior Rose Bowl” was a championship game for junior colleges.
Student Union soda fountain, March 1950
Newly constructed Morrison and Driscoll Hall, ca. 1952
The B Cubes

“Boost Boise – Boost Broncos – Boost B.J.C.”
Moving into the dorms, 1955
1959

Golden Z’s
Ski Hop
Tau Alpha Pi fundraising, 1956
1950s

Campus Elementary School
1955

Football coach Lyle Smith
BJC competes in three Potato Bowls

1951 vs. Bakersfield
1954 vs. Compton
1957 vs. Bakersfield
1958 Homecoming Pep Parade down Main Street
Women’s bowling team, 1950s
Campus view, ca. 1955
Campus view, 1950s
1958-59 school year figures

- Over 100 Faculty members
- President: Dr. Eugene B. Chaffee
- $30 to $90 tuition per semester
  - resident or nonresident tuition
- Hundreds of classes from 6 “Divisions of Instruction”
  - Business and Economics
  - Humanities
  - Life Science
  - Physical Science
  - Social Science
  - Vocational Education
- 2875 Total students
The 1960s
1960
Student Union
Jukebox
Auto-mechanic students in the old hangars

1962
Technical Education Center
Aerial view of campus, 1963
April 1965

Boise Junior College becomes Boise College
1965 Winter Formal
1965
Flintstone Formal
The Hello Walk, 1960s
Dorm life, 1960s
circa 1965

Overcrowded Student Union (now Communication building) establishes need for a new SUB
The beginning of the new Student Union Building
Construction of the Student Union, finished in 1966
Student Union Building – phase one
New Liberal Arts Building

1966
March 1967

Board of trustees hires new president for BC

Dr. John B. Barnes named new president of Boise College
December 1968

Boise College becomes Boise State College
1969

Associated Women Students
Library and Memorial Mall, 1960s
Bronco Stadium and parking lot, 1960s
1969-70 school year figures

- Almost 300 faculty and staff
- Tuition & Fees (per semester)
  - $139 resident
  - $509 out of state
- President: John B. Barnes
- 48 baccalaureate degree programs
- 21 other associates or certificate programs
The 1970s
1970

New construction:

Bronco Stadium, Business Building and Towers Hall
1970s

Bronco Stadium with green turf
Governor Cecil D. Andrus at a BAA barbeque, 1970s
Tennis courts, 1970s
Resident advisors for Chaffee Hall, 1970s
Dance class, 1970s
Experimental coed dorm to open

MORRISON HALL GOES COED. Seventy-eight select upper division men and women will be sharing this facility during the 1972-73 school year as an experimental coed dorm opens for the first time on the BSC campus.
1973

Tau Kappa Epsilon Raft Race
Boise State players try to tackle opponent
February 1974

Boise State College becomes Boise State University
“Anything Goes” student event inspired by the popular T.V. show
Men’s basketball team
Women’s basketball practice, 1970s
1977

Women’s field hockey
Music professor John Best
circa 1977

Plans are made for a new Science, Nursing and Education complex.
Entire building completed (including a greenhouse) in 1979
The 1980s
1980-81 school year figures

- Over 400 faculty members
- President Dr. John H. Keiser
- Tuition - Resident: $227
  Non-resident: $827
- 44 baccalaureate degree programs
- 13 masters programs
December 20, 1980

NCAA Division 1AA National Champions
1981 Construction of the Pavilion (now Taco Bell Arena)
Construction of the Morrison Center, 1984
Bovine Dance Statue
(outside the Liberal Arts Building)
Former U.S. President Gerald Ford with Mr. And Mrs. J.R. Simplot, 1985 Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs
Track athlete Troy Kemp
Fencing outside the Gymnasium
1987

Spring Commencement
1988
Men’s basketball game
# 42 Arnell Jones
Bethine Church

1988
Frank Church
Conference on
Public Affairs
1989-90 school year figures

- More than 430 faculty members
- President Dr. John H Keiser
- Tuition - Resident: $590
  Non-resident: $1540
- 9 masters degree programs
- 56 baccalaureate degree programs
- 39 other associate or certificate programs
The 1990s
1990

SummerFest at the
Centennial Amphitheatre
Senator Al Gore, Jr.

1992 Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs
Library, Memorial Mall, and Bovine Dance
Aerial view of a Bronco football game
1993
Big Sky Conference Champions
#50 Tanoka Beard
1995

Library expanded and renamed Albertsons Library
Football Head Coach Pokey Allen, 1993-1996
Construction of the Multipurpose Building, 1997
1999-2000 school year figures

- 1905 full time faculty & staff
- Enrollment: 16,209 fall headcount
- President: Dr. Charles Ruch
- Degrees offered
  - Doctorate: 2
  - Master’s: 35
  - Baccalaureate: 90
  - Associates and certificates: 54
New Buildings for the New Century

- Student Recreation Center opens, Fall 2002
- Appleton Tennis Center opens, Spring 2002
Football Team Finishes 13-0 and Wins Fiesta Bowl, 2006-2007
Boise State Celebrates 75th Anniversary, 2007
Environmental Research Building, 2011
2014-2015 school year figures

- Over 2,600 faculty and staff
- Fall 2014 Enrollment: 22,260 students
- Annual Undergraduate Tuition $6,641 resident/ $19,493 non-resident
- Over 200 degrees and certificates offered
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